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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: WALLACH=21

In re Application of:) Conf. No.: 8997
David WALLACH et al)
Appln. No.: 09/155,676) Art Unit: 1635
Filed: January 4, 1999) Examiner: J. Epps
For: MODULATORS OF TNF RECEPTOR) February 5, 2003
ASSOCIATED FACTOR (TRAF),)
THEIR PREPARATION AND USE)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 5, 2002,
petition and payment for a two month extension of time being attached
hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 49 and 55 with new amended claims 49
and 55 as follows below. A marked up version of the amended claims to
show the changes made is attached hereto.

49 (Thrice-amended). A method for identifying and producing
a molecule capable of directly or indirectly either inhibiting or
increasing the cellular activity which is changed or mediated by a
polypeptide according to claim 69 comprising:

a) screening for a molecule capable of directly or
indirectly either inhibiting or increasing the cellular activity which
is changed or mediated by a polypeptide according to claim 69;

b) identifying and characterizing said molecule; and

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